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SUBJECT: NON-TRANSFER ASSURANCES FOR SAUDI HOWITZERS

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1. GENERAL DHAHIRI, SAUDI PROJECT OFFICER FOR THE SAG SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO YEMEN, HAS OFFERED TO HELP OBTAIN THE STILL OUTSTANDING YARG NON-TRANSFER ASSURANCES FOR THE 12 M-102 HOWITZERS WHICH THE SAG LOANED TO THE YAR.

2. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR DHAHIRI'S OFFER. DEFENSE HAS WITH OUR CONCURRENCE ASKED GENERAL AHMANN OF USMTM TO ENCOURAGE DHAHIRI TO APPROACH THE YARG ON OUR BEHALF. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, CONSIDER IT AS APPROPRIATE THAT DHAHIRI BECOME INVOLVED IN TRANSMITTING OR ACCEPTING THE WRITTEN INSTRUMENT (IN THIS CASE A DIPLOMATIC NOTE) CONTAINING THE ASSURANCES.

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3. EMBASSY IS THEREFORE REQUESTED TO ONCE AGAIN SEEK FROM

THE MFA THE APPROPRIATE ASSURANCES AS EMBODIED IN THE FOLLOWING TEXT. QTE: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC PRESENTS IT COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY

THE PROPOSED RECEIPT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC OF TWELVE 105 MILLIMETER HOWITZERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC UNDERSTANDS THAT SINCE THESE HOWITZERS WERE SOLD TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROCEDURES, THE CONSUMMATION OF THIS TRANSACTION IS DEPENDENT UPON THE RECEIPT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA OF WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE TRANSACTION BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT IN KEEPING WITH UNITED STATES LAW AND REGULATIONS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY GIVE SUCH CONSENT ONLY UPON BEING FURNISHED WITH ASSURANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER BY ANY MEANS SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THAT SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES WILL BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES MAY BE FURNISHED BY THE UNITED STATES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC HEREBY GIVES ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER THE HOWITZERS WHICH IT PROPOSES TO RECEIVE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA BY SALE, LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN, CONVEYANCE, OR ANY OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THAT IT WILL USE SUCH ARTICLES SOLELY FOR INTERNAL SECURITY, FOR LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE, TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL OR COLLECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS OR MEASURES CONSISTENT WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, OR TO ENGAGE IN THE

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CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WORKS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES HELPFUL TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

4. YARG SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT ABOVE LANGUAGE REPRESENTS STANDARD FORMULA FOR DIRECT SALE OF US MILITARY EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS FOR TRANSFERS. YARG IS THEREFORE NOT RPT NOT BEING ASKED FOR ANY SPECIAL OR UNUSUAL ASSURANCES.

5. FOR JIDDA: YOU MAY WISH TO INFORM EMBASSY SANA OF
TIMING FOR PROPOSED DHAHIRI DEMARCHE TO THE YARG. KISSINGER

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